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New Version of Grouper

On December 1, 2001, Grouper 19.0 will be installed in the Medicaid claims processing system and will be retroactive to October 1, 2001. The following versions of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Grouper will be used to process Medicaid inpatient hospital claims:

Discharge Date	Grouper
On or after October 1, 2001	Version 19.0
December 1, 2000 through September 30, 2001	Version 18.0
February 1, 2000 through November 30, 2000	Version 17.0
February 1, 1999 through January 31, 2000	Version 16.0
January 1, 1990 through January 31, 1999	Version 15.0

On October 1, 2001, the following DRGs are no longer in effect:

112 434 435 436 437

The following DRGs have diagnosis and/or procedure code changes, but no change in DRG relative weights, average lengths of stay, and trim points. Claims using these DRGs will suspend from October 1, 2001 through November 30, 2001. Claims will be processed when the version 19.0 Grouper is implemented on December 1, 2001.

92 93 389 390 391 801
802 803 804 805 810 936

Claims using the following DRGs will suspend from October 1, 2001 through November 30, 2001. Claims will be processed when the version 19.0 Grouper is implemented and the new weights, average lengths of stay, and trim points are activated on December 1, 2001.

DRG	Relative Weight	ALOS	Trim Point
104	8.7611	18.0	82
105	6.3460	12.2	56
116	2.0382	3.9	18
292	2.4754	9.0	46
302	3.0632	7.2	37
433	0.4067	3.2	19
468	3.5675	11.4	59
483	14.2336	32.1	166
497	3.2245	7.2	36
498	2.2970	4.5	23

The following DRGs will be effective October 1, 2001. Claims will be processed when the version 19.0 Grouper is implemented and the new weights, average lengths of stay, and trim points are activated on December 1, 2001.

DRG	Relative Weight	ALOS	Trim Point
512	5.3217	11.5	60
513	5.3757	8.6	44
514	7.1133	10.3	47
515	5.5761	7.9	36
516	2.4726	4.0	18
517	1.9240	2.2	10
518	1.5289	3.0	13
519	2.3192	5.8	29
520	1.4160	2.3	12
521	1.0359	6.5	38
522	0.8801	10.6	61
523	0.5629	4.4	25

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